The ALBERRY WASSON HOMEPLACE was built circa 1850 and has the distinction of being the only two-story log dog-trot house known to still be standing in the State of Louisiana.

It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on June 25, 1982.

The house was built by Alberry Wasson, Sr., who, with his wife, Nancy Tubbs Wasson, moved from Alabama to the relatively isolated northeastern corner of Claiborne Parish between 1847 and 1849.

They came without slaves and undertook, as a large family, to establish themselves in what was, essentially, a wilderness. Two to three years were required for Alberry Wasson to complete his house -- green timber must "season" for at least six months before it is dry enough to be hewn. The family lived in a smaller log house located behind the "big house" while the latter was being built.

Restoration of the house has been performed by Bruce Hall and other members of the Wasson family. To the maximum extent practicable, parts which had to be replaced were replaced with materials approximating the original.

The gallery across the front of the house features cedar posts supporting a 50-ft hand-hewn overhead beam. Corners of the house are joined with full dovetail notches. The house has an open breezeway, or "dog-trot" through its center, with a room, or "pen," and fireplace on either side. A recreated kitchen/dining room outbuilding has been joined to the rear of the house.

The Alberry Wasson Homeplace serves as a community museum in Summerfield, Louisiana, dedicated to providing an educational setting for persons seeking a better understanding of our North Louisiana heritage.

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